

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-8, 11-13, 15-26, and 28-29 were presented for examination in the present application and remain pending upon entry of the instant response. Claims 1 and 8 are independent.

Claims 1, 5-8, 11-13, 15-26, and 28-29 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-37 of Applicants' own U.S. Patent No. 7,018,727 (the '727 patent). In addition, claims 1, 5-8, 11-13, 15-26, and 28-29 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-21 of Applicants' own U.S. Patent No. 7,381,469 (the '469 patent).

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer for both the '727 and '469 patents, as well as the terminal disclaimer fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d). Applicants respectfully submit that these terminal disclaimers obviate the double patenting rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to the present application are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for issuance. Such action is solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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